

# Conservation of Endangered Species

## Background

Biodiversity plays an important role in the day-to-day life of a hotel: From the food in the restaurant, wood in furniture and fittings and items in the souvenir shop to the amenities in the spa, the products of biodiversity are everywhere inside hotels. Outside, plants and animals contribute to the hotel's attractiveness, while unspoiled green spaces, coasts, reefs and other natural habitats provide guests with opportunities for recreation and enjoyment. Since the beginning, Six Senses has been proactive in protecting natural resources and biodiversity and continues to do so even more now that it has joined forces with the International Union for the Conservation of Nature.



Sustainable wood and construction



Local melon farmers



Handcrafted souvenirs in the gift shop

## Ethical Purchasing

Six Senses' purchasing guidelines are strict to avoid environmental degradation and species loss:

- Whenever possible, the timber used at Six Senses comes from renewable and certified sources, i.e. plantations. We use mainly acacia, pine, palm and bamboo, but also recycled wood.
- Our restaurants never serve overharvested species (e.g. grouper, marlin, shark, wild oysters) nor products derived from controversial production methods such as foie gras, boxed veal and others. No genetically manipulated foods are purchased. Instead, local, organic and fair-trade products are chosen.
- Environmentally-friendly, biodegradable cleaning products, pesticides and packaging materials are preferred to chemical or disposable products.
- In the souvenir shop, lacquerware from Baa Atoll, handcrafted coasters, clothes made of organic cotton and other socially and environmentally responsible items are sold. These are perfect alternatives to products from endangered animals such as shells and shark teeth, which are categorically avoided.

## Protection of Local Wildlife

More information about our local conservation efforts can be gained from the notice board in the Soleni Dive Centre. Our main focus is on the protection of turtles, sharks, manta rays and their respective habitats.